

Utah Department of Environmental Quality

Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste

Fact Sheet



July 2008

Class 3 Permit Modification: Dugway Proving Ground (Dugway) Hazardous Waste Storage Permit

Dugway Proving Ground

Dugway is located about 85 miles west of Salt Lake City. The mission of DPG is to test U.S. and Allied biological and chemical defense systems; perform Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical survivable testing of defense material; provide support to chemical and biological weapons conventions; and operate and maintain an installation to support test missions.

Hazardous Waste Permit

Dugway was issued a Part B Permit (Permit) in March of 1994. This Permit was re-issued in September of 2005. The Utah Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste (DSHW) conducts permitting and oversight activities at Dugway under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The RCRA is a federal law written to protect human health and the environment, reduce waste, conserve energy, and to reduce or eliminate the generation of hazardous waste. The RCRA is codified under the Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, parts 260 through 299. The DSHW is authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency to enforce the RCRA in the state. The State of Utah has codified its own rules under the Utah Administrative Code, Sections R315-1 to R315-9,

R315-12 to R315-14, R315-16, R315-50, R315-101, and R315-102. Under State and Federal rules facilities that store hazardous waste for more than 90 days must submit an application for a Permit to store the waste. (See R315-5-3.34) Dugway has two permitted storage areas in its current Permit.

Class 3 Permit Modification

Two Class II permit modifications were submitted in February 2008. All conditions of the modifications are acceptable except for Laboratory Operating Procedure WD – C Method CL-022R. DSHW is proposing new language for this sampling standard.

Draft Modification Approval

In accordance with (R315-4-1.6), the DSHW has drafted a modification approval. The draft modification contains sampling standards for waste being shipped offsite from operations at Dugway that are protective of human health and the environment.

Opportunity for Public Hearing

In accordance with R315-4-1.12, a public hearing on this draft approval will be held on August 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the North Auditorium at the Tooele County Administration Building, 47 South Main, Tooele, Utah.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period will begin on July 10, 2008 and will end on August 25, 2008. Copies of the draft modification are available for review during normal business hours, or other hours with prior arrangement, at the physical address listed below.

DSHW Offices, Martha Hughes Cannon Health Building, 4th floor, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After August 4, 2008, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Additional Information

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